

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 12/11/2020

DOCKET #: 2020-900

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Shanithia LaPearl "Shanita" Gay
Address: P. O. Box 400, Plain Dealing, LA 71064
Alt. Address: 311 N. Calhoun St., Plain Dealing, LA 71064
Office/Position: Plain Dealing Board of Aldermen / District 1 / Plain Dealing / Bossier
Dates of Service: 2013-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 13

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD19007692
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/14/2019
NOD-amend Received: 3/9/2020 - Signed by: S Gay
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/6/2020 - Covid19 Extension
Amendment/Answer Filed: 7/28/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1100
Days late from receipt of NOD: 22
Total days late from initial due date: 440
Late Fee Order Received: 11/2/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/23/2020
Waiver Request Received: 8/26/2020

COMMENTS:

Shanita Gay is requesting a waiver for failing to file her 2018 Amendment timely. Ms. Gay stated she submitted her disclosure by fax before the due date, but the BOE did not receive it. During that same time Ms. Gay stated she was experiencing some difficult family situations and hardships. Her brother, Kevin Johnson had received a Kidney transplant and she was bringing him to Dialysis Treatment three times a week; while also taking him to all of his doctors' appointments. A few months later, her brother passed away from his health issues. She has had to manage the emotions of her family's tragedy, while taking continuing to care for her four children as she is a single mother. She asks the Ethics Board take into consideration the death of her brother, her four children and the financial hardship she would incur if she has to pay this penalty. She asks the Board to please waive her late fee.

*IT Department was unable to locate any amendments faxed by Mrs. Gay as stated. Ms. Gay has included her brothers' obituary as supporting documentation. This is Ms. Gay first late filing and first late fee.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

August 21, 2020

Wavier Letter for Late Fee Assessment
Report PFD19007692

To Louisiana Board of Ethics:

I hope that this letter finds you well. My name is Shanithia LaPearl "Shanita Gay", and I am a single mother of four children. I am writing this letter today to ask for your understanding and I hope that after reading this letter and getting to know my circumstances, you are able to waive the late fees that have occurred.

I am writing to request you to waive the late fees of \$1500.00 for my Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2018 that was due on March 18, 2020. It was to my knowledge that I had faxed that documentation in before the due date. During that time, I was suffering with an extreme family hardship with my brother Kevin Johnson. I was traveling back and forward to the doctor with him due to some serious health issues. He had a kidney transplant and I was taking him to dialysis three times a week. I also had an obligation to take him to his doctor's appointments. Unfortunately, my brother's condition was terrible. A few months later, he passed away and I had to manage this horrible tragedy while taking care of my children. I thank God for allowing me to handle it all during one of the hardest upsets of my life.

I have enclosed an obituary of my brother's death. If you have any questions, please contact me at 318-205-2592.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,



Shanithia LaPearl "Shanita Gay"

ACTIVE PALMBEARERS

Jermaine Johnson

Marlon Daniels

John Johnson

Karlos Gay

William Gay

John Dupree

Carrderrick Johnson

Brandon Dupree

Carlos Chambers

Marcel Sumpter

PALMBEARERS

Bro. Dennis Briggs

Bro. Mark Briggs

Bro. Aaron Mack

Bro. Jeffrey Walker

Bro. Samuel Green

Bro. William Briggs

Bro. Marion Oliver

Bro. Brandon Evans

Bro. Perry Harris

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Bro. De'Kevin McGee

Bro. Chris Lauderdale

Bro. Cameron Sumlin

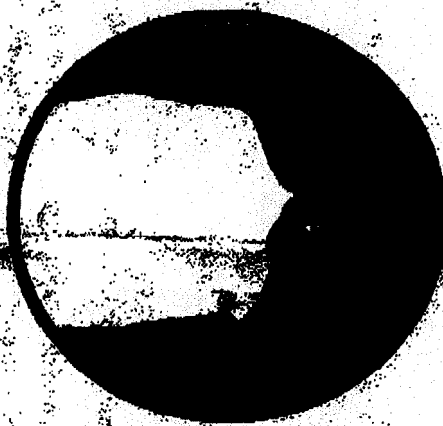
Bro. Jakaleb McGee

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Deacon Kelvin Johnson

Alpha
April 24, 1976

Omega
July 7, 2018



"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

II Timothy 4:7

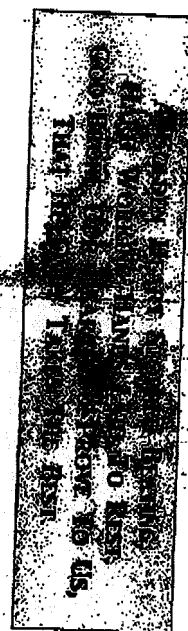
Saturday, July 14, 2018
3:00 P.M.

Egypt Hill Missionary Baptist Church
2617 Old Plain Dealing Highway

Plain Dealing, LA
Rev. Dwayne Rice, Pastor

Rev. Willie McGee
~ Officiating ~

OBITUARY



April 24, 1976, Kelvin L. Johnson was born to William Gay and Patricia Johnson in Plain Dealing, LA. At an early age Kelvin came a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Plain Dealing. He later joined the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Plain Dealing, LA where he became a deacon.

KELLYPHARMACY

Hein is preceded in death by his grandfather, Rev. Theotis "Sam" Benson, Sr., Linnie Gay Sr. and one sister Tommie Neal.

Hein leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 8 years, Lillie Ann Benson of Cullen; one daughter, Yasmine Huggins of Alexander, LA; a god-daughter, Milen Huggins of Cullen Valley, LA; three step-children: Chantay Landers (Kinsley), Sasha Mack (Mason) and Ron Mack all of Cullen, LA; his grandmother, Mrs. Mattie B. Gay of Plain Dealing, LA; his mother, Patricia Paulsars (Jerome) of Greysport, LA; his father, William Gay (Samuel) of Plain Dealing, LA; his special mother whom Kelvin loved dearly, Pearlina Benson of Plain Dealing, LA; three sisters: Sumithia Gay of Plain Dealing, LA, Lantette Thomas (Kedric) of Dallas, TX and Teresa Mae (Maurice) of Bossier City, LA; 7 brothers: William Gay, Jr. of Metairie, LA, Carlos Gay of Cullen, LA, Da Marcus Johnson of Metairie, LA, Marcus Neal of Metairie, LA, Marcus Daniels (Boya) of Greysport, LA and Jerome Johnson of Dallas, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony ~ Mrs. Carla Reynolds

Prelude	Clergy, Officers and Family
Processional	Pilgrim Rest B.C. Choir
Selection	Rev. Michael Manning
Old Testament Scripture	Rev. Jamall Stephens
New Testament Scripture	Pastor Marcus T. Hudson Sr.
Prayer	Pilgrim Rest B.C. Choir
Scripture	Pastor William Cooper
Thought	Sis. Evelyn Jenkins
Solo	Family and Friends
Expressions	(3 Min. Please)
Solo	Rev. Michael Manning
Eulogy	Pastor Willie McGehee
	Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
	Plain Dealing, LA
East Gumpse Till Glory	Porterhouse Funeral Home
Recessional	Arroldia, LA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WE THE FAMILY OF NORMAN LAMAR JOHNSON WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH DEEP GRATITUDE THE GENTLE CONSOlation WE HAVE RECEIVED IN OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. YOUR LOVE, SUPPORT, PHONE CALLS, CARDS, FLOWERS AND MOST OF ALL YOUR PRAYERS FOR GOD KEEP ALL OF YOU.

~THE FAMILY~

THE FANTASY

INCOME

OLD ROAD CEMENT

DEALING IN

SERVICE INTERRUPTED

PARADISE FINE HOME

ABRAMS, E

DEPAST:

PLENUM RISE BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, 1111
PLAIN DEALING, LA

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson

"I'm glad you're so happy," said my mother. "Surely, spending your money in the colonies will do all the good in my life and I shall think it well worth the price of the book for ever."

Ashley Wimberley

From: Help Ethics
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: [Ticket #33231] 5th Possible Missing Fax: Shanita Gay

Ticket closed by Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 20, 2020 @ 01:08 pm, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Ticket closed: I looked through all faxes received from 318326 in 2020. I found two faxes from Shanita Gay. One from May 18, 2020 that was taken as her 2019 report, and one from July 28, 2020 that contains amendments for her 2019 and 2018 reports.

Ticket History

On Aug 20, 2020 @ 12:48 pm, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Assigned to Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 20, 2020 @ 12:38 pm, ashley.wimberley@la.gov wrote:

Okie dokie Ms. Jerri,

Can you please check for any faxes between March 2020 -July 2020 for Shanita Gay (2019 Amendment) from

(318) 326-7022 and any faxes started with (318) 326 - XXXX.

Thank you so much for helping me with Mrs. Gay!!

Ashley Wimberley

(225) 219-5600

From: Help Ethics
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: [Ticket #33225] 4th Possible Missing Fax: Shanita Gay

Ticket closed by Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 20, 2020 @ 08:17 am, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Ticket closed: There were no faxes received in 2019 from 318-326-5970. Shanita Gay's 2019 candidate's report was filed from that number on 7/28/2020.

Ticket History

On Aug 20, 2020 @ 08:14 am, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Assigned to Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 05:28 pm, ashley.wimberley@la.gov wrote:

318-326-5970

Ashley Wimberley

(225) 219-5600

From: Help Ethics

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:49 PM

To: Ashley Wimberley

Subject: [Ticket #33224] 3rd Possible Missing Fax: Shanita Gay

Ticket closed by Slava Sereda.

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 04:48 pm, Slava Sereda wrote:

Ticket closed: We have received fax on may 18,2020 with her 2019 PFD

Ticket History

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 04:48 pm, Slava Sereda wrote:

Assigned to Slava Sereda.

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 04:43 pm, ashley.wimberley@la.gov wrote:

Okie dokie.

This is the last fax number from Mrs. Gay.

(318) 326-5903

Ashley Wimberley

(225) 219-5600

From: Help Ethics

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:22 PM

To: Ashley Wimberley

Subject: [Ticket #33210] 2 Possible Missing Fax: Shanita Gay

Ticket closed by Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 03:21 pm, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Ticket closed: The latest fax received from that number was her report from May 2017.

Ticket History

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 08:45 am, Slava Sereda wrote:

Assigned to Slava Sereda.

On Aug 18, 2020 @ 06:08 pm, ashley.wimberley@la.gov wrote:

Additional fax number to check for Mrs. Gay.

(318) 326-4994

Ashley Wimberley

(225) 219-5600

From: Ashley Wimberley

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:31 PM

To: Help Ethics

Subject: Possible Missing Fax: Shanita Gay

Good afternoon,

Can you please check to see if we received a fax in 2019 for Shanithia LePearl "Shanita" Gay.

From a Plain Dealing Library or fax number 318.326.4322

Ashley Wimberley

Ethics Administration

P. O. Box 4368

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

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(800) 842-6630 - Toll Free

(225) 381-7271 - Fax

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Ashley Wimberley

From: Help Ethics
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Ashley Wimberley
Subject: [Ticket #33209] Possible Missing Fax: Shanita Gay

Ticket closed by Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 19, 2020 @ 08:54 am, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Ticket closed: In 2019, we received two faxes from 318-326-4322: one from Stacey Willard and one from Jacqueline Neal Carr.

Ticket History

On Aug 18, 2020 @ 04:32 pm, Jerrolyn Brees wrote:

Assigned to Jerrolyn Brees.

On Aug 18, 2020 @ 03:33 pm, ashley.wimberley@la.gov wrote:

Good afternoon,

Can you please check to see if we received a fax in 2019 for Shanithia LePearl "Shanita" Gay.

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